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Statement

Gender stability: the catalyst to world peace

Gender is the most sensitive and unresolved global issue. It has taken much effort and funding in past decades, yet the matter remains an issue that continues to promote instability in the world, affecting national economic instability, generating weak institutions, poor governance, ethnic and regional conflicts, and wars. The development of women has been undermined for centuries; it has not been recognized as the most important issue in the world. Women have been severely exploited by men, including by their fathers, spouses and relatives. This is more serious in the developing world and it is prevalent in Africa. The position of women has always been misunderstood, often leading women to experience further vulnerability, exploitation and embarrassment, to the detriment of the world community.

The solution is to give women their honourable place in their parental home, where their education has been undermined for centuries. In recent decades, the father will register a company and give priority to male children. This presumes that the girl child has a limited role in the parental home. Unfortunately, the mother and the girl child face unending discrimination in their spouses' homes, and are portrayed as intruders and secondary citizens who have no serious place in the society.

Women deserve the best quality of education and a primary role at home, without prejudice to the man's position as the Chair of home affairs, the mark of honour for his responsibility to provide for all material needs and for the security and comfort of the entire family. Women are the promoters of virtues and values, while men are responsible for the creation of an ideal environment, without attempting to use their material leadership to undermine women's psychic and spiritual leadership.

The United Nations must increase its efforts to promote advocacy for women's education and their place as co-owners and main executors in the home. World peace will not be achieved without acknowledging the place of women in the world setting. When a woman is frustrated or made to be unduly involved in a material search, her human nature will be affected, resulting in emotional damage and undermining her ability to meet global development demands. This will spell doom for the world and create a world which may facilitate future global failure. When a woman is happy, she loves absolutely, with maximum loyalty; when she hates, the world will be in disarray.